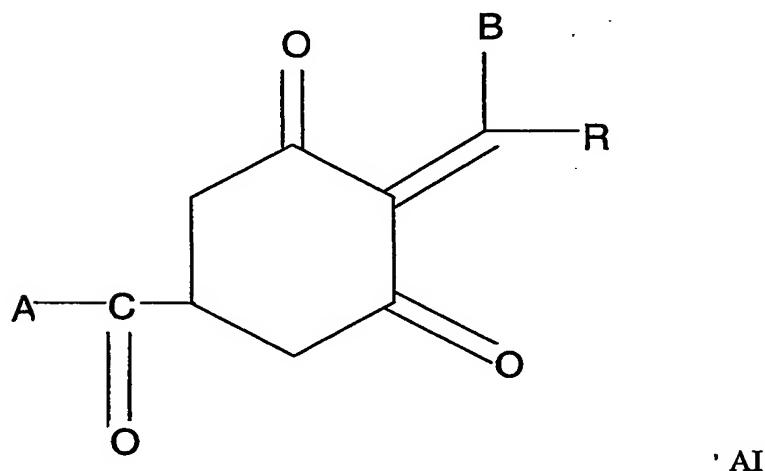


What is claimed is:

1. A method for inhibiting the formation of Coniferophyta pollen, which comprises applying a pollinosis inhibiting effective amount of a composition comprising a prohexadione compound as an active ingredient to the Coniferophyta plant to be treated.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said prohexadione compound is a cyclohexanedionecarboxylic acid derivative of the following formula (AI) or a salt thereof:



wherein A represents -OR<sub>2</sub> or -NR<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>,

B represents a hydroxyl group, and -NHOR<sub>1</sub> group or a metal salt or ammonium salt thereof,

R represents an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms,

R<sub>1</sub> represents an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a haloalkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, a haloalkenyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms or an alkynyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, and

R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a haloalkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an alkoxyalkyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkylthioalkyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, an alkynyl group having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, or a phenyl group or an aralkyl group having 1 to 6 carbons, and

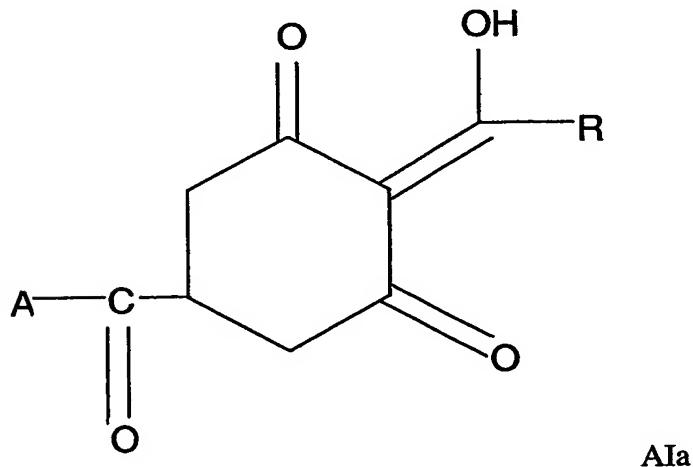
R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> may form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded and the ring may further contain a carbon atom or sulfur atom.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein A in the formula (AI) represents an -OR<sub>2</sub> group.

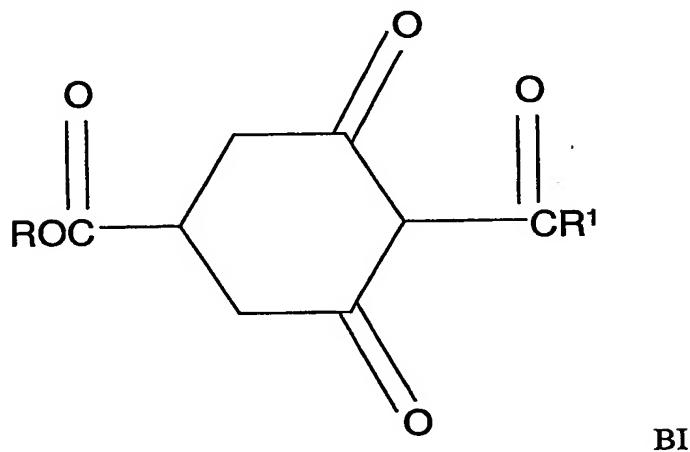
4. The method according to claim 2, wherein A in the formula (AI) represents an -NR<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub> group.

5. The method according to claim 2, wherein R in the formula (AI) represents a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 6 carbon atoms.

6. The method according to claim 2, wherein said prohexadione compound is represented by the following formula AIa:

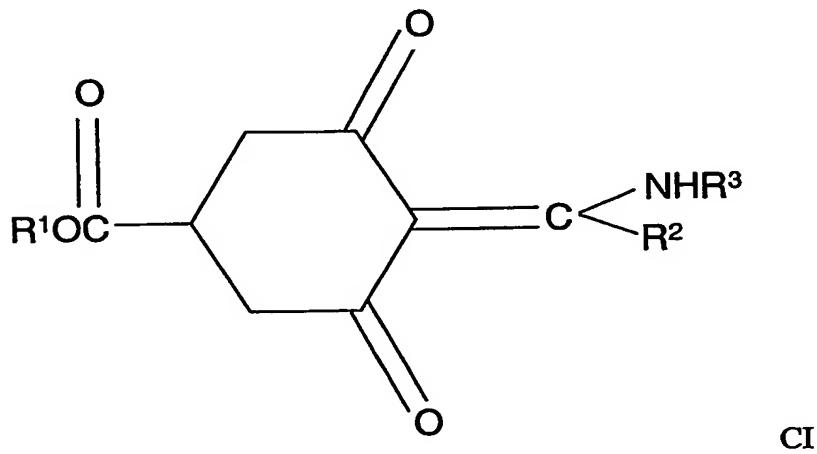


7. The method according to claim 1, wherein said prohexadione compound is represented by the following formula BI:



wherein R represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, and R<sup>1</sup> represents an alkyl group.

8. The method according to claim 1, wherein said prohexadione compound is represented by the following formula (CI):

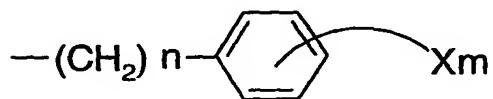


wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, R<sup>2</sup> represents a lower alkyl group, R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, morpholino group, an aminoalkyl group, an N-alkylaminoalkyl group, an N,N-dialkylaminoalkyl group, an alkoxycarbonylalkyl group, a group of the formula:

- (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>l</sub>R<sup>4</sup>

(wherein R<sup>4</sup> represents a lower alkyl group, a lower alkylthio group, a benzylthio group, an anilino group, a morpholino group, a piperazino group or a piperidino group, and l represents an integer of 2 or 3);

a group of the formula:



(wherein X represents a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenoxy group or an alkoxycarbonylalkyloxy group, m represents an integer of 0 or 1, and n represents an integer of 0 to 2);

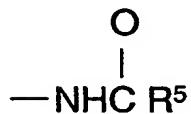
a group of the formula:

-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>

(wherein R<sup>5</sup> represents a furyl group, a thenyl group or a pyridyl group),

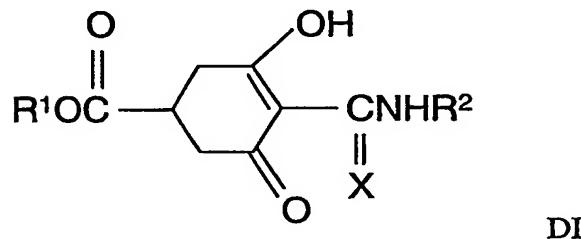
or

a group of the formula:



(wherein  $\text{R}^5$  is as defined above).

9. The method according to claim 1, wherein said prohexadione compound is represented by the following formula (DI):



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group or a phenyl group,  $\text{X}$  represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,  $\text{R}^2$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkylthioalkyl group, an alkoxy carbonylmethyl group, a benzyl group substituted with a halogen atom, a group of the formula:



(wherein  $\text{Y}$  represents a carbonyl group, a sulfonyl group or a sulfonate group,  $\text{Z}$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a cyano group or

a trifluoromethyl group, m represents 0 or 1, and n represents an integer of 1 or 2, with the proviso that when n represents 2, Z may be a combination of different groups or atoms), a furyl group or a thienyl group.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein said Coniferophyta plant is *Cryptomeria japonica*.